

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

tuning means ~~(22)~~ for tuning signals including emergency alert signals associated with said emergency alert function; and

processing means ~~(26)~~ for enabling a disabled user setting for an auxiliary information display function of said apparatus ~~(20)~~ responsive to said emergency alert signals.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein said auxiliary information display function includes a closed caption display function.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein said processing means ~~(26)~~ further enables an alert output using said auxiliary information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 3, wherein said processing means ~~(26)~~ further disables said user setting for said auxiliary information display function after said alert output is enabled.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein said processing means ~~(26)~~ further enables display of a default screen responsive to said emergency alert signals.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 5, wherein said default screen is a blue screen.

7. (currently amended) The apparatus ~~(20)~~ of claim 5, wherein:
said processing means ~~(26)~~ further enables an alert output using said auxiliary
information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals; and
said alert output includes a visual message overlaid upon said default screen.

8. (currently amended) A method for controlling an apparatus ~~(20)~~ having
an emergency alert function, comprising:
tuning signals including emergency alert signals associated with said
emergency alert function; and
enabling display of a default screen responsive to said emergency alert signals.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said default screen is a blue
screen.

10. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprised of enabling an
alert output responsive to said emergency alert signals, and wherein said alert output
includes a visual message overlaid upon said default screen.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, further comprised of
enabling a disabled user setting for an auxiliary information display function of said
apparatus ~~(20)~~ responsive to said emergency alert signals.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said auxiliary information
display function includes a closed caption display function.

13. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprised of enabling an
alert output using said auxiliary information display function responsive to said
emergency alert signals.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprised of disabling said
user setting for said auxiliary information display function after said alert output is
enabled.

15. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a tuner ~~(22)~~—operative to tune signals including emergency alert signals associated with said emergency alert function; and

a processor ~~(26)~~—operative to enable a disabled user setting for an auxiliary information display function of said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—responsive to said emergency alert signals.

16. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 15, wherein said auxiliary information display function includes a closed caption display function.

17. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 15, wherein said processor ~~(26)~~—is further operative to enable an alert output using said auxiliary information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals.

18. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 17, wherein said processor ~~(26)~~—is further operative to disable said user setting for said auxiliary information display function after said alert output is enabled.

19. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 15, wherein said processor ~~(26)~~—is further operative to enable display of a default screen responsive to said emergency alert signals.

20. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 19, wherein said default screen is a blue screen.

21. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 19, wherein:

said processor ~~(26)~~—is further operative to enable an alert output using said auxiliary information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals; and
said alert output includes a visual message overlaid upon said default screen.